

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 13, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll call.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Senator Baker offered an additional report of Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Read and laid over under the rules.

Senator Cole informed the Senate that he, as a member of the committee, had not been notified of their action.

Senator Baker offered report of Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

Read and laid over under the rules.

Senator Pettit offered a report of Committee on Education relative to memorial of Professor W. C. Hurley.

Read and laid over under the rules.

Senator Pettit offered a report of Committee on Education relative to bill incorporating the Texas Military Institute.

Read and laid over under the rules.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill entitled "An Act to regulate the punishment of misdemeanors and the manner of enforcing the laws." Read first time.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker introduced a bill entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of district attorneys pro. tem. Read first time.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a manual labor system in each county in the State." Read first time.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Pettit introduced a bill entitled "An Act to exempt undertakers from serving on juries." Read first time.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Agricultural Affairs, reported back to the Senate, Senate Bill, No. 71, entitled "An Act to further the agricultural development of the State of Texas," with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Laid over under the rules.

Senator Alford, Chairman of Committee on Public Lands, presented the following report:

To the Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate :

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bills of Senators Ruby and Bowers, to provide for the geological survey of the State, have instructed me to report the bill of Senator Bowers back to the Senate, with the following amendments, and recommend its adoption :

Amend by striking out all after the word " necessary," in Section 2, line five, and the sixth and seventh lines in same section, and amend by striking out the word " twelve " and insert " twenty," in Section 7, line thirteen, and filling the blank in eighth line, 1st Section, with " five thousand."

E. L. ALFORD,

Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

Senator Priest moved that the Senate take up the unfinished business on the President's table. Carried.

From President's table :

Substitute for Senate Bill, No. 1.

A bill entitled " An Act for the relief of freedmen and freedwomen." Read second time

Senator Bowers moved the engrossment of the bill.

Senator Douglas moved that the second section be stricken out.

Pending motion, a message from the Governor was announced by the President. Message read.

Senator Ruby moved the message be referred to Committee on Judiciary. Carried.

The following bills were announced from the House by the chief clerk :

House Bill No. 1—" An Act making an appropriation of (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars to pay contingent expenses of 12th Legislature."

Joint resolution in regard to instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to urge the passage of the bill for the protection of the frontier of Texas.

Laid over under the rules.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6--Authorizing officers elect to act under existing laws until further legislation.

Laid over under the rules.

House Bill No. 7—" An Act to authorize district judges and district clerks to approve bonds of county officers in certain cases.

Laid over under the rules.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Senator Douglas to strike out 2d section of substitute for Senate Bill No. 1.

Motion to strike out lost.

Bill passed to its engrossment.

The hour having arrived under the special order of yesterday, the Senate went into a committee of the whole.

[In Senate, President Don Campbell, presiding.]

Senator Fountain, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Senator Bowers moved that the rules be suspended and the additional report of the Committee on Elections be read.

Carried; report read.

Senator Ruby moved that the additional report as read be received by the Senate as supplemental to the original majority report, and filed as part of the proceedings in the contested case of Peterson vs. Dohoney. Carried.

Senate, on motion of Senator Parsons, went into Committee of the Whole.

[In Senate, President Don Campbell, presiding.]

Senator Fountain, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Monday at 10 o'clock. Granted.

On motion of Senator Parsons, the Senate adjourned till Monday next, 9 A. M.